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Serial No.: 09/459,290 : Examiner: Joseph M. McCardle
Filed: December 17, 1999 : November 13, 2003
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Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR : International Business Machines Corporation
ADMINISTRATION OF IDENTIFYING : 2455 South Road, Mail Station P386
CHARACTERISTICS : Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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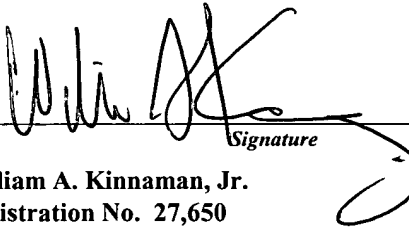
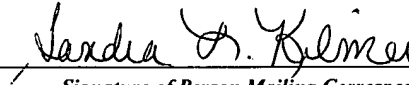
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